

**Electric Utilities Task Group  
Friday, November 19, 2010  
Town Hall, Old Town Road  
12:00 noon**

**Present:** Barbara MacMullan, Bill Penn, Everett Shorey, Member Michael Ballard arrived at 12:30 p.m.

Also present: John Bickel, Dave Leis, Richard Lynn and Tim Koehler, all involved in the Hydrogen-based generation presentation, First Warden Kim Gaffett, Councilor Peter Baute, Town Manager Nancy Dodge and Cliff McGinnes.

Meeting was called to order at 12:05

**Approve minutes of October 8, 2010.**

Minutes of the October 8, 2010 meeting were approved as written in a motion by Everett Shorey and seconded by Bill Penn

Ayes 3 (MacMullan, Penn, Shorey) Nays 0 Absent 1 (Ballard had not arrived yet)

**Public Input**-None

**Hydrogen-based generation presentation**

The people involved in the presentation were:

Richard Lynn – representing power issues

John Bickel and David Lies of DynGen

Explanation of hydrogen based system followed (see attached handout). Some points in the discussion were

- Life of the generator (10 years)
- Type of water used (not determined yet)
- No site up and running yet
- Bottom line: This proposal creates independent fuel generation on island without need of cable

Cliff McGinnes did express interest in a smaller unit for the sewer commission.

Possible next step would be for the presenters to come back with people from CME to see what can be done next. A meeting would be scheduled with the EUTG and the Town and possibly the sewer commission. Tim Koehler and Barbara MacMullan will be the point people and will coordinate the next meeting.

**Deepwater Update**

Bill Penn delivered an update that Bryan Wilson had emailed. Bryan reported that Deepwater and Grid are discussing the cable and that the Spar buoy was not in place.

**Raytheon Update**

No word from EDC on grant. If they get the grant they will schedule a meeting on the island.

Bill Penn left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

**BIPCO Update**

The grant that BIPCO applied for won't be awarded until June. PUC docket re: distribution upgrade has not been opened yet.

**Other Grants**

WCRP: The \$750,000 grant is still being discussed. Town's concern remains a feasibility study.

**Discussion of Cable Funding Alternatives**

The Town discussed the affordability of a cable and the options for reducing the cost of power if there were access to 20-30 million dollars. There was a discussion with Dan Lewis about ratepayers from Rhode Island paying toward a cable for Block Island.

At 2:20 p.m. a motion was made by Barbara MacMullan and seconded by Everett Shorey to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved:

Bonny Ryan